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Remarks—General

Overcoming Seydel and Wu

Applicant now overcomes the rejection of all claims on Seydel and Wu by newly restricting this application's main claim to a sliding lock, a structure not present in the references. The block shape claimed for this slider, based on description in the specification and shown in the drawings, is significant in addition to its sliding action, because it functions as a handle for user to grasp when actuating the lock. Three years of shopping experience with applicant's working model have shown the importance of the blocks on these locks. For example, with fingers beneath block 45U in Fig. 1 and thumb atop handle brace 49, a gentle hand squeeze draws block to brace, releasing the upper basket. A similar squeeze between lower block 45L and an opening in upper anchor block 37U releases the lower basket.

Overcoming 35 USC 112 rejections

The generalized "attachments" objected to have been removed from the three dependent claims 82, 87 and 91, which dealt primarily with cart wheel alternatives. Now restated as claims 95, 99 and 103, they deal exclusively with wheels.

Examiner's further objection

Objection: claims have not been identified as associated with the elected species.

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Solution: applicant now declares that he has met the restriction requirement of Feb. 2, 2005 by electing Species 1, illustrated in figures 1, 2, 6, and 12. Applicant further declares that he considers all new claims submitted herewith to be readable upon the elected species.

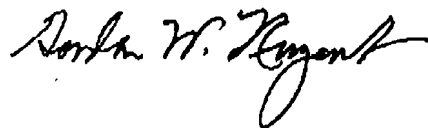
Further narrowing of main claim

Applicant has identified an additional structure for inclusion as a restriction upon his main independent claim: legs attaching wheels to spine. Such terms have been added as subparagraph 92. E.

Summary

Applicant submits that all claims have been rewritten to render them allowable over the cited references. Therefore applicant now solicits reconsideration and allowance.

Very respectfully,



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